

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON GEO THERMAL ENERGY
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any Committee to assess feasibility of Geo-Thermal energy in the country;
- (b) whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (c) whether the recommendations of the Committee have been accepted and implemented by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e):The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy had set up in September, 2007 an Expert Group on Power Generation from Geothermal Energy at Puga Valley in Ladakh district of Jammu & Kashmir. The Expert Group submitted its report to the Ministry in May, 2008 and recommended that the geothermal site at Puga should be developed for power generation in two Phases. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir is developing a project for commercial exploitation.